



IFW

Practitioner's Office No. ST8635US

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Burke et al.

Confirmation No.: 3733

Application No.: 10/633,343

Group No.: 1744

Filed: August 1, 2003

Examiner: Elizabeth L. McKane

For: FILTER ASSEMBLY FOR A REPROCESSOR

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.

STATUS

2. Applicant is other than a small entity.

EXTENSION OF TERM

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply. Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.8(a) and 1.10*

*(When using Express Mail, the Express Mail label number is mandatory;
Express Mail certification is optional.)*

I hereby certify that, on the date shown below, this correspondence is being:

MAILING

XX deposited with the United States Postal Service in an envelope addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

37 C.F.R. § 1.8(a)

XX with sufficient postage as first class mail.

37 C.F.R. § 1.10*

___ as "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee"

Mailing Label No. _____ (mandatory)

TRANSMISSION

___ facsimile transmitted to the Patent and Trademark Office, (571) 273 - 8300.


Signature

Date: May 23, 2006

Laura K. Cahill

(type or print name of person certifying)

* Only the date of filing (' 1.6) will be the date used in a patent term adjustment calculation, although the date on any certificate of mailing or transmission under ' 1.8 continues to be taken into account in determining timeliness. See ' 1.703(f). Consider "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" (' 1.10) or facsimile transmission (' 1.6(d)) for the reply to be accorded the earliest possible filing date for patent term adjustment calculations.

FEE FOR CLAIMS

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

	(Col. 1)	(Col. 2)	(Col. 3)	OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY			
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE		ADDIT. FEE	
TOTAL	22	– 25	= 0	x \$	50.00	= \$	0.00
INDEP.	4	– 4	= 0	x \$	200.00	= \$	0.00
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM				+ \$	0.00	= \$	0.00
TOTAL ADDIT. FEE						\$	0.00

No additional fee for claims is required.

FEE DEFICIENCY

5. If an additional extension and/or fee is required, charge Account No. 50-0537.

If an additional fee for claims is required, charge Account No. 50-0537.

Date: May 23, 2006

Reg. No.: 31,115
Tel. No.: 440-684-1090

Customer No.: 22203



Signature of Practitioner
Mark Kusner

Kusner & Jaffe
Highland Place - Suite 310
6151 Wilson Mills Road
Highland Heights, OH 44143



Application No. 10/633,343

Response dated May 23, 2006

OUTSTANDING OFFICE ACTION dated February 24, 2006

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN THE APPLICATION OF	:	Burke et al.
FOR	:	FILTER ASSEMBLY FOR A REPROCESSOR
SERIAL NO.	:	10/633,343
FILED	:	August 1, 2003
CONFIRMATION NO.	:	3733
EXAMINER	:	Elizabeth L. McKane
ART UNIT	:	1744
ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	:	ST8635US

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 24, 2006, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.